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Project Chief  
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SUBJECT: Meeting with Dr. Jan FUCHS  
on 17 February 1956.

Source Report

PHASE I - APPROACH

1. O-63 briefed O-61 on 17 February 1956 at 0815 hours to call RACHAU Military 626 and, giving his name as BONOWIE, to ask for Mr. IMACE and tell him that he (BONOWIE) would come to RACHAU at/about 1000 hours.
2. O-63 reached IMACE by phone from the Project office, and was told to come to the main gate of the US Army Station in RACHAU and call IMACE from there.
3. At 1000 hours O-63 arrived in RACHAU in O-56's official car and was picked up by a civilian, about 35 years old, who asked him to follow his car. They drove to a building in the backyard. There he met Mr. IMACE, who asked him for his identification. O-63 had no document in the name of BONOWIE, and he therefore refused to produce his AGO Card. IMACE told him that he should procure himself some identification papers from the office (The Project), and introduced him to a man, about 30 years old, whose name was not given but whose telephone number is 656 (Lamoforth Mr. 656). It seemed to O-63 that this man was in a higher position than IMACE, and he produced his AGO Card, concealing the name. Mr. 656 was satisfied and began to explain how O-63 could get into touch with FUCHS. He stated first of all that The Project should have known that FUCHS was not available that morning, being interrogated by someone else. O-63 could reach him in the afternoon, however, at 1000 hours, at the US Consulate in MUNICH, room 720, which is Mr. IMACE's office. In case of difficulties, O-63 was to call RACHAU Military 656.
4. O-63 drove back to MUNICH and obtained RACHAU's approval to go to the US Consulate. Before going there O-63 called IMACE to inform him that FUCHS was not available that afternoon and that one BILKERT would go in his stead. IMACE promised to inform Mr. 656, as the latter was not present at the time. He said he did not see why Mr. BILKERT should have any difficulties with Mr. IMACE.

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4. At 1100 hours O-63 came to room 720 at the US Consulate and asked for Mr. LILLIAN. An elderly lady told him that she did not know anyone by that name. O-63 waited outside, having in mind the possibility that LILLIAN was not a true name and that the person concerned had forgotten to inform his secretary that someone would come to ask for a Mr. LILLIAN and that she should send him in. After 20 minutes O-63 estimated that all the employees had returned from lunch, but no one had entered room 720. He therefore called 656, but without result (there was no answer).
5. O-63 returned to the office and informed HUGHES of the latest development. He was instructed to call HUGHES again and ask for an explanation. Mr. HUGHES said that there could be no error and that Mr. LILLIAN must be in room 720 at the Consulate. He spelled the name as HILLMAN this time, and gave O-63 the page and line of the telephone directory (page 78, line 18) where the name appears, with additional information stating "US Consulate employee".
6. O-63 went to the US Consulate a second time. Another secretary was there, but she also said that Mr. HILLMAN was not known to her. She pondered a while, and then asked whether O-63 did not mean Mr. HILLMAN (spelling not known to O-63). O-63 said yes, and asked her to call Mr. HILLMAN (feeling sure that an error had been made). Mr. HILLMAN came out of his office, and O-63 told him that he had come on behalf of Mr. HUGHES of HONOLULU to interview a man. HILLMAN asked whether O-63 had come from PHOENIX, AZ. O-63 replied in the negative. When he saw that HILLMAN was unimpressed by this, however, he said that he had come through SEVENTH. This calmed HILLMAN, and he said that he knew what it was about.
7. O-63 was taken to room 720 where another man, evidently the Consulate interviewer, was introduced to him. The man asked O-63 to return in five minutes. O-63 did. SEVENTH was not present. While waiting for him, the interviewer gave O-63 some information on SEVENTH's background and assured O-63 that it was not necessary to give SEVENTH any financial reward for that day's interrogation as he had already taken care of it, giving him \$100. O-63 thanked him, and they parted as soon as SEVENTH entered the interrogation room.
8. The interrogation of SEVENTH lasted from approximately 1600 hours to 1700 hours. O-63 had to end the interrogation because all the employees of the Consulate were leaving the building.

#### CONCLUSION :

10. None.

#### REMARKS :

11. In view of the fact that O-63 met SEVENTH in the late afternoon, he could not concentrate on any particular objective, but tried to create a relaxed atmosphere by asking SEVENTH questions about his personal affairs. He also asked SEVENTH to talk about himself. SEVENTH began with his in-

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prisoners. He was sentenced to 17 years forced labor in 1945 as a former deputy for the Nazi Party. Later his sentence was commuted to 11 years. From 1945 to 1955 he was imprisoned in numerous camps all over the GDR and met many people. In this connection HEUBERT mentioned the German agent (he referred to him as "Frank"), who gave him a very important and top secret message to be delivered only to the top US intelligence agency in FROTH-PURTH. "I hope that you are the right person", HEUBERT said, and explained to C-43 that the entire message consisted of a password, namely "HOLMSTADT-AMMUNITION". HEUBERT told HEUBERT that the right person would know what this means. C-43 did not show whether this password was any indication on him, and asked HEUBERT to list other prominent fallen prisoners he had met. He then showed HEUBERT a list of names supplied by RICHARD, and asked him which of them were known to him. HEUBERT knew FIRM, WOL, and was almost sure to have heard of HERMANN.

12. C-43 then changed the subject and asked HEUBERT whether he knew of any fellow prisoners to whom the GDR would have offered collaboration. HEUBERT knew of two prisoners who had accepted GDR offers to work for them in West Germany. HEUBERT himself had rejected such an offer. C-43 did not ask for any details but told HEUBERT that he would return to this matter later.

13. The meeting ended after C-43 made arrangements with HEUBERT regarding the next meeting.

COMMENT: During the discussion with HEUBERT, C-43 noticed that he was dealing with a man of high above-average intelligence with considerable knowledge of up-to-date international political events, who was familiar with the situation in the GDR, and in particular with the situation in GDR prisons. These qualities and the good impression that HEUBERT made on C-43 led him to the conclusion that it would be worth while to have HEUBERT thoroughly interrogated by the Project's Reports Section. The interrogator would have to be well prepared for the interview. See also paragraph 11 of this report.

More checks: Traces on the following individual are requested:

JOSEF KATZMANN of KARLSRUH, now in West Germany. He helped HEUBERT to get into touch with the GDR authorities. They knew each other from the GDR and met by chance on the train as HEUBERT traveled to HEUBERT.

HEUBERT:

HEUBERT is being treated for a light case of cancer of the skin, which he probably developed while working in the uranium mines in the GDR. For this reason he travels from WERLEBACH to MUECHEN three times a week. He does not have a job yet, and has not decided what to take up.

DISCUSSION:

None.

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INTERVIEWING :

17. The next meeting is scheduled for 29 February 1956 at 0900 hours in the BRUTCHNER NEW restaurant in MUNICH.

SECURITY :

18. NEUMANN emphasized several times during the interview that he does not want to become an agent of the AIB. His only desire is to help in the struggle against Communism by delivering to the right persons the messages given to him by SMER and by giving all the information and experiences he gathered during his stay in the GDR.
19. The second point stressed by NEUMANN was his request that the relation between him and the AIB be kept secret from the German authorities and AIB.
20. NEUMANN showed G-43 the halved page of a calendar which had been given to him on the GDR/German border by the Grenzpolizei to serve as identification for some people who were to contact him later. He said he had not been approached by anyone.

G-43 OFFICER'S COMMENT :

21. G-43 feels that NEUMANN should be interrogated in detail on the following points :
- a) All details concerning NEUMANN's message, and the "well-known" underground movement in GDR prisons and camps;
  - b) CI aspect : interrogation of his experiences with the GDR efforts of sub-  
laboration, and the people who accepted or rejected such efforts;
  - c) Detailed interrogation on his opinion of the morale in the GDR in general, on what the prominent GDR politicians think of present political develop-  
ments, suggestions and complaints of GDR citizens regarding the fight  
against Communism, etc.
- The points listed sub (a) and (b) should be handled by G-43 or some other operational agent. Point sub (c), which G-43 considers to be the most im-  
portant one, should be handled by someone from the Superior German expe-  
rienced in political matters. The result of this interrogation should not  
serve any operational purpose, but there are not many chances of hearing  
the opinions of above average sources and the Project should take advantage  
of it.
22. As to the CI aspect, G-43 does not believe that NEUMANN is an AIB plant  
and considers him to be an honest, intelligent and well educated man of  
strong anti-Communist tendencies.

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